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WEDNESDAY MAY 10, 1899.

It is the sense of the meeting that the conference in Riehmond, on May man or men.-Resolution adopted by the Democrats of Southampton.

the cause, and that it is the forerunner

of a national movement, Except upon one point, there is likely

to be no great discussion. But there are two or more opinions as to how the contion this year, and there an exchange of views may be necessary. There are some who would have the conference petition question. A few others cling to the belief that a State primary on the first Tuesday in November would be practical. but we believe by far the greater number favor referring the question to the seve ral county and city Democratic committees. This plan having the element of "home rule" in it, and being free from the delay incident to the convention scheme finds numerous ardent advocates. Of course, the proposed change in the Federal Constitution will be approved. The Virginia delegation in the House of Representatives has correctly diagnosed public sentiment in this State upon that subject. In this matter, and in all else that it does, we expect the meeting to speak out as Democrats ever should speak to their brethren, persuasively and the ordinance, if possible, councilmanic conservatively.

We have words of welcome only; none of warning. God forbid that the time should ever come when the Democratic party of the Old Dominion cannot trust members such as these to gather together and discuss matters of party policy and public concern.

THE LEGISLATORS ALL RIGHT.

One of the favorite arguments of the what it purposes doing shows distrust of our legislators.

That is "too thin." In fact, it is altogether unsubstantial. Most legislators, present and prospective, believe in the inciple of nominating and electing senators by the direct vote of the people. Search where you will, and you will find that few who are now, or who hope here after to be, members of the Legislature are opposed to the change. Nor is it probable that our representa-

tives in Congress would have voted for submitting the proposed constitutional amendment if they had believed that by so doing they were casting a reflection on our legislators.

Oh, no; that argument will not do at The members of the General Assem-of Virginia, with not many exceptions, would rajoice if they were relieved of the duty of electing senators. If they were inleved of the duty of electing . It follows that they would not

have the trouble of nominating them. It would be a grand thing for every chosen because of their special fitness as awmakers, instead of because they favor

in the public interest. There are many legislators who say so boldly. There are many others who think so, but for rea-sons of their own do not care to express their opinion now. So let not the opponents of the conference fret themselves on behalf of our legislators. We do not say the legislators are all in favor of today's conference; but if you doubt whethat they are in favor of nominating and electing senators by some popular method, ask them!

HARRY TUCKER'S VIEWS.

The telegraphed letter of ex-Congress uan Tucker's, which appeared in yesterday's Dispatch, is richly worth reproducing in our columns to-day, especially as hundreds of persons are here now who probably did not see our last issue. Though Mr. Tucker cannot attend the conference, he is in hearty sympathy with the movement, as appears from his communication to us, which is as follows: Lexington, Va., May 8, 18.9.

I regard the May conference as the most important step taken in Virginia for pears for the maintenance of Democratic principles. Responsibility for power by the public servants to those for whose benefit such power is bestowed is a pri-mai principle of Democratic faith, but to whom is the senator responsible?
To the Legislature that elected him!
But that body has been dead at least four years when the senator reappears for re-election. Can he be held to his responsibility by a sales from the dead? responsibility by a voice from the dead? If the constituency to whom the possessor of power is responsible for its proper use be dead or unable, for any reason, to hold him to a strict accountability for 113 exercise, of what use is such respon-sibility? Responsibility and power should be united for the protection of liberty, as their divorce will be the forerunner of

tyranny.
No intelligent man can have failed to notice the great change in the past few years in the political elements with which we are surrounded. The past thirty years ve witnessed the enormous increase of individual and corporate fortunes in this country, until the millionaire is no longer a rarity. This fact has served to develop colence and arrogance of wealt until intellectual endowments are dwarfed in its sordid presence, and moral characthe test of a statesmanship of wealth, the uncrowned king, oftently acking both, and coveting neither, arrogantly seeks to rule in a domain been erected in every community; given place to material expediency ful manipulation of railroads and stock-boards are often regarded as the most essential of senatorial equipments.

But there is another element more dan-erous to the libertles of the people than elerated by the combinations of per spheres, are to be encouraged. her than condemned, but when they ve their legitimate fields of operation seek to control, against the interests of the people, the legislation of the cour ther they be banks or railroads, orporations or trusts or combines, they will meet with the indignant protests of all true friends of the people. The numemployees in their control, the co and the "parliamentary favors h they are able and most willing to cing and their approaches most insinthe ablest men of each community, and, if public rumor be true, they can lay their ids on representatives of the people the legislatures in the land,

and claim them as their own.

The change in the mode of election though they may not be The objection that the pres these reforms, seems to me unsound, if the principle be desirable. Why is not present the "accepted time"? whose political methods have been free, pen, and frank in the past history, is sound, hand and foot, by some miniature can we better secure an improvement the time has passed, and no senator is to be elected?

The change is aimed at no man, but at methods. Surely, no man in Virginia who aspires to the Senate is afraid, or ashamed, to face the people in the maintenance of his candidacy.

H. ST. GEORGE TUCKER,

THE MAIN-STREET DEPOT.

The Dispatch is satisfied that the Coun il sub-committee and the rallroad companies are going to "get together" with reference to the Main-street depot scheme, but we must confess that the delays are discouraging. And those who conduct great negotiations with capitalists know that to lose a day, or a week, may cost the life of an enterprise.

We haven't one word to say against our councilmen's trying to protect Richmond's interests in the matter of these franchises, but we do beg our friends to hurry up. They ought to be willing to work day and night until they have come to an understanding with the companies. They bught to try to make more rapid progress. Nor is it needful to inquire minutely into every detail. Something must be left to future contingencies. In all the transactions in question the companies risk

thousands where we risk hundreds. Again, we should not withhold our grants till all the grace of giving has been lost. Hasten the work of preparing

Philip D. Armour, the well-known pork packer of Chicago, was reported Monday evening to have been stricken with apoplexy, on board a transatlantic steamer just as the vessel was leaving her dock at Hamburg for a voyage to this country, but Mr. Armour's son, J. Ogden, said later there was no truth in the report. Possibly, the army beef provider was smothered for awhile by his share of the opponents of the May meeting is that beef court whitewash, which was spread abroad about the time of his reported illness. He must have expected the whitewashing process, but no man could have realized beforehand the extent and thickness of the material used.

> Professor Small, of the Chicago University, in addressing a meeting of the Windy-City "loyalists" the other night, said, "there comes a time when it is a crime to think any longer." A Windy-City loyalist is a Chicago man who holds that the President can do no wrong, and that his Philippines policy should be sustained without question. From the reports of the rest of Professor Small's remarks, and those of the other speakers. and in view of the spirit that pervaded the meeting, it would appear that neither the orators nor the auditors committed crimethat is, if Professor Small's proposition is admissible.

The Charleston News and Courier does not like the term "civil war" as descriptive of the struggle of the Southern States for independence. Nor have we eyer been satisfied with it, but it supplies a want, especially since it has become necessary to differentiate our war from this, that, or the other map for the Sen-sts. The change would be a distinct gain that between Spain and the United States,

ators by the people as "absurd." The terms "gabble" and "hog wash" are also applied to certain phases of the discus-

If it is absurd the entire Virginia dele gation in the last House helped to make it absurd. Every man of the delegation is upon record as favoring the proposed constitutional amendment. So, too, we believe our State delegation in each of the two previous houses voted the sam

the people of Virginia are as nearly a unit in favor of the change as we have ever known them to be in favor of any political question. Throughout the discussion of the May meeting there have been few who have been heard to oppose the change. Reasons are given why they do not favor the May meeting, but the Post's view that it is absurd to demand a change in the method of electing senators is not often heard in Virginia.

And since the Democrats of this State proposed amendment of the Constitution, we cannot see why any of them should oppose nominating our candidates ome popular method."

That's a thing that "stumps" us. Why does it matter who initiated this movement, provided there is nothing unfair in the plan proposed; provided the officers who would conduct the primary, were one ordered, were good Democrats and honest

Nearly every statesman has had to fole one else's lead at some time or mary? The only questions that should be asked are, Is it likely that the plan proposed will be a fair one? Will the execution of it be entrusted to Democrats who are loval and honest?

If both questions be answered affirm atively, what injustice can be done any man? What, indeed!

HOLDS GREAT PROMISE.

The New York Herald, in an article on the report of the beef court of inquiry,

In short, the gist of the report is that Alger should be left in office; that Eagan, who is enjoying a six years' leave of ab-sence with full pay for publicly and before the President's commission calling the commander-in-chief of the army iliar in language that would not be tole rated in the slums, should be let alone; that the beef trust is all right. In a word, the whole outfit, whose greed, in nothing worse-produced so much suffering, sickness, and death among our brave troops is to be let alone. But General Miles is "jumped on." He "had no sufficlent justification" for his charges, and "he committed an error" in not immediately reporting the bad beef to the Sec retary of War. But the court is of the opinion that the interests of the service will be best subserved if further proceed-

vindication of the national honor imperatively demand that there shall be further proceedings. So say we. Furthermore, we say that the demand holds great in the election of senators by waiting until promise for the Democracy in the next national election, seeing that it is hardly probable that the present Congress will take "further proceedings."

> The lawn in front of the Executive Mansion at Washington is to be plowed up and planted in corn and potatoes, not, it is apparently felt necessary to explain, as a bid, on the part of the Republican administration, for the farmer vote, but in order to induce the soil concerned to return to first principles, as it were, or, in other words, a condition that will enable it to produce sward.

New York has a man who is getting along very well with but one jugular vein, while cheerful accounts come from the stomachless individual at San Francisco, Science may yet lead us to the point of doing without dining, and then, at length. some of us may be able to save money.

London, it appears, wishes a delegation of American volunteer soldiers at her forthcoming centenary review of local and colonial troops. She should, by all means, be provided with specimens of our Roosevelt Rough Riders and Funster Fearless Swimmers.

Mrs. Diss Debar has been given fortyeight hours in which to leave New Orleans. Her peculiarly demoralizing tenets find no congenial soil in the South,

We venture the prediction that any remarks George Dewey may make at the ten-thousand-dollar dinner will be well edited.

Dr. Austin Flint, the elder, is critically ill at his home, in New York.

THE RITUALISTIC CONTEST. Investigation Into Charges Against

Two Clergymen. LONDON, May 9 .- An important stage

in the ritualistic controversy opened yesterday, when the Right Hon, and Most Rev. Frederick Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury and Primate of all England; the Right Hon, and Most Rev. William Dalrymple MacLogan, Archbishop of York, sitting as a seif-constituted tribunal, began a hearing of the charges against the Rev. Henry Westall, vicar of St. Cuthbert's Filbeach Gardens, of ceremonial use of incense and lights, and the Rev. Edward Ram, vicar of the



Measrs. Westall and Ram will have the sessistance in the ecclesiastical trial of a number of experts on the question of the ritual, including the Rev. R. R. Percival, rector of the Church of the Evangelists,

in Philadelphia.

The decision of the archbishops will not be binding, except as to the conscience, upon any one, nor will it be enforcable, but, naturally, it will have immense moral weight.

The chief purpose of this Archiepiscopal inquiry is to avoid reference to the secular courts.

A large assemblage of hishops and well-known clergymen were present in the

known clergymen were present in the historic guard-room of Lambeth Palace when the Archbishop of Canterbury opened the proceedings with an explanation of the nature of the hearing. Arguments of counsel on both sides followed.

WHY CARNEGIE SOLD OUT. What He is to Do With His \$150,000,000.

(New York Journal.)

LONDON, May 8.-Andrew Carnegle, in an interview with the Journal correspondent to-day, said: "Trusts have never frightened me. The Carnegie Steel Comthe kind the world has seen or ever will see, since the coke- and coal-fields and the fron-mines of the world are pretty well known. I certainly did not sell out never was so prosperous or prospects so good. I sold out in pursuance of my policy, determined long stace, not to spend policy, determined long since, not to spend my old age in business, struggling for more millions. I believe in a useful, dig-nified, unselfish retirement after 60." Answering questions as to what

would do with his \$200,000,000, he said: hope I shall not justify the definition ometimes deserved, of a philanthropist as 'a man with a deal of money but little

of my wealth, reserving only a provision against any anxiety for the future of my daughter. She will not be a great "My time will be spent in searching out

good objects, both in America and Great Britain, and in writing." Asked how it was that Americans were getting ahead of British and other Euro-pean countries in securing orders, Mr. Carnegle replied: "I have been telling my native land for the last fifteen years what was coming, and I am not surprised. Industrially considered, the American is the ablest, quickest, most versatile man the world has yet seen. He is a more

"But, Mr. Carnegie," said his interview-er, "Britain has got a long way ahead of other nations in the ir-dustrial struggle." "Very good," he replied, "but the Briton never before had to compete with his

"You think, then, that this race compe tition is beginning to exert its legitimate

MUCH "KICK" IN THE BRITON.

"Quite so," said Mr. Carnegie. "On the "Quite so," said Mr. Carnegie. "On the other hand," he added, "there is a great deal of 'kick' in the Briton when he has to meet superior competition. I have great faith in his ability to change his method of fight, but one very difficult question he has to face is that raw materials are rapidly being worked out in the old country, while in America they are only touched upon. I am not, however, a pessimist about the gloomy future for the Briton. for the Briton.

"How do you think the whole question will work out?

"Well, as far as iron and steel are con erned," replied Mr. Carnegie, "the wants of the world will tax both America and Europe. There are only three countries which can furnish much of these articles-Great Britain, Germany, and the United States. The former two are now working at their fullest capacity, but canmeet the increased wants world, which must be through the United States. But I think Great Britain and Germany will have nothing to complain and increasing consumption of steel. In any temporary depressions there will be is what American manufacturers have had to stand since I began to manufac-ture, except in dull times. Both Germany and Great Britain will be taxed to their whost corneits as a present to meet Anent the present position of the business deal proceeding in America, I must still decline to say anything."

Mr. Carnegie reports the story of a formation of an international steel combine of American and British interests as without foundation. He says he is doing nothing with such a scheme.

He remains in London for a few days, may make a short visit to Paris, and then go to Skibo Castle, Scotland, for the summer.

Little Elmer: Pa, we had to learn about Moliere in school to-day.

Pa: Moliere? Who's he?

Little Elmer: Why don't you know? He was a great French play writer.

Pa: I guess it's a mistake about him bein' great. I ain't never heard about no Chicago man who wrote his plays fer him. formation of an international steel com-bine of American and British interests

DEPEW SAYS CARNEGIE WILL NOT GIVE ALL

GIVE ADJ.

Senator Depew, a man acquainted with rich men and their habits, was hardly willing to believe that Mr. Andrew Carnegie had any intention of spending his destining was believed. gle had any intention of spending his de-lining years in giving away a large por-when needed. The best and most simple clining years in giving away a large por-tion of his principal, at least until he should receive further and more definite information that such was a fact. "Mr. Carnegie," said Senator Depew, "has been one of the phenomenally successful men. He has made a tremendous fortune. I do not believe during his lifetime that he

not much self denial in that, either.

"The widow's mite." Senator Depew went on, "still continues to represent real philanthropy. I do not deny that the \$12,000,000 which Mr. Carnegie has dispensed leading the state of the st in charities has done a great deal of good, and comparing this sum, too, with the amounts given by other millionaires, the proportion even is largely in Mr. Car-

negie's favor.
"Mr. Carnegie's income last year was, I "Mr. Carnegie's income last year was, I understand, about \$7,500,000. His guaranteed income from the sale of his works is \$5,000,000 a year-5 per cent. on \$100,000.000. These works have been earning \$7,000,000 to \$10,000,000 annually for years. When you come to think of this, \$12,000,000 annually the sale works are the sale works. 600 scattered over many years is not such a large sum, proportionately." Senator Depew sald that he had a friend whose hepew said that he had a friend whose income was a million dollars a year. This friend gave away in charities every cent of this income, retaining only enough to live on in a modest fashion. He consider-ed this charity after the widow's mite plan, for the man not only gave unoscen-tatiously and without letting his right hand know what his left hand did, but ed self-denial and gave to the extent of his ability.

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THE SOUTH STILL FOR BRYAN. Elliot Danforth's Observations This Section.

(New York Journal.) 1900. Mr. Danforth said vesterday that southern Democrats are a unit for Bryan, but divided as to just what sort of a platform shall be adopted by the next national convention. "I have not yet announced my candle

dacy for the vice-presidency," said he "The national convention must decided who shall run for President and Vice-President, but so far as the South is concerned, and perhaps the West, too, but one man is seriously considered for the presidential nomination, and that man is William Jennings Bryan. Were I believe that solid delegations would be sent from the South and West demand-ing his renomination. Possible issues are overshadowed by Colonel Bryan's personal popularity. At the same time the leaders with whom I talked say they will insist that the next platform shall contain the strongest kind of anti-trust and incomesilver as ever, leaders like Governor Ben ton McMillin, of Tennessee, favor the adoption of a platform which will be a ceptable in the East as well as in West and South. It is not true, as nas been currently reported, that the South is bent on ignoring New York and the East as to the kind of platform that may be chosen. I found Democratic leaders there, while insistent upon the renomination of Bryan, only too anxious to consult the wishes of eastern leaders, so that party could enter the next preside the next presidential campaign thoroughly reunited.

"I spent a good deal of time in Ken-tucky, which went for McKinley in 1896. Governor Bradley himself admitted to me that there was little hope of the Repubicans' carrying that State this fall. "I told the southerners there was cer

tainly strong ground for believing that New York will swing into the Democratic column next year. I told them that the Republican party of this State, as well as other States, had become the daddy of monopolles and trusts; that our taxrate had climbed to outrageous propor-tions; that the canal scandals, the creation of sinecures, the Raines liquor-tax law, and the general extravagance and maladministration here had already pro-vided us with formidable weapons with

which to strike the opposition.

"They exhibited the strongest kind of a desire to meet with us and reason together as to a policy which might unity the party throughout the Union and secure success, which would gladden every Democratic heart and give us a wise, economical administration of public at-

had heard much in the South about George Fred. Williams as a possible running mate for Bryan, he replied: did not. I am told that there is a move-ment in New England to nominate Wil-liams for the vice-presidency, but the Great Britain will be taxed to their ost capacity, as at present, to meet world's wants in iron and steel, of Williams in the South."

In Doubt.

(Chicago News.)

him.

needs assistance it may be best to render it promptly, but one should remember to and gentle remedy is the Syrup of Figs. manufactured by the California Fig Syrup. Company.

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THOMAS P. POLLARD.
Acting Adjutant

my 10-lt Acting Adjutant.

MEETING OF BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS.—The Virginia State Board of Dental Examiners will hold its regular annual examination in the Capitol building, at Richmond. TUESDAY, June the 13, 1890, at 9 o'clock A. M. For requirements, etc., candidates will apply to the secretary, H. W. CAMPBELL, Secretary, Suffolk, Va.

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